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SUBJECT: SIXTH DEMARCHE DESIGNED TO EASE TENSIONS IN
THE ANDES

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1. SIXTH AUTHORIZED DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHE DESIGNED TO
EASE WAR FEARS AND TENSIONS IN THE ANDES WAS CARRIED
OUT JUNE 3 BY ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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DEVINE WITH COLOMBIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ALFONSO
DAVILA ORTIZ.

2. THIS WAS ESSENTIALLY A REPEAT OF PREVIOUS
DAY'S PRESENTATION ON VENEZUELA. DEVINE TOUCHED ON
FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. AS FELLOW DEMOCRACIES AND CO-PRACTITIONERS IN FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS, U.S. AND COLOMBIA SHARE MANY COMMON VALUES AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONSULT AND COOPERATE EASILY WITH EACH OTHER.

B. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE THROUGHTOUT THE AMERICAS IS A MAJOR U.S. INTEREST.

C. WE HAD NOTED INTRA-ANDEAN TENSIONS OF LAST DECEMBER-JANUARY AND SUBSEQUENT RELAXATION AND RETURN TO NORMALCY.

D. WHILE COGNIZANT OF HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHIC FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO CHRONIC TENSIONS AMONG BOLIVIA, CHILE, ECUADOR AND PERU, WE NOTED THAT ACUTE TENSION OF DECEMBER-JANUARY HAD SEEMED TO ARISE IN PART FROM CONSIDERABLE LEVEL OF MISPERCEPTION AND MISINTERPRETATION ON PART OF FOUR PARTICIPANT NATIONS.

E. ALSO CONTRIBUTORY WAS RELATIVELY MASSIVE ARMS BUILD-UP BY PERU WITH SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MODERN WEAPONRY SUPPLIED BY USSR.

F. QUEST FOR TRUE ARMS BALANCE AMONG THOSE FOUR NATIONS MIGHT WELL BE ILLUSORY; WHAT SOME SEE AS "BALANCE" OTHERS SEE AS "IMBALANCE." RESULT TENDS TO BE EVER-ASCENDING SPIRAL OF COMPETITIVE ARMS PURCHASES AT EXPENSE OF BADLY NEEDED APPLICATION
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OF LIMITED RESOURCES TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

G. USG IS COMMITTED TO CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE AMERICAS. THIS OF COURSE INCLUDES PEACE IN THE ANDES. AS RECENTLY AS APRIL 14, IN HIS SPEECH TO PERMANENT COUNCIL OF OAS, PRESIDENT CARTER HAS MENTIONED OUR SUPPORT OF PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES.

H. IN CONTEXT OF INTRA-ANDEAN TENSIONS, WE HOPE THAT OUR COMMITMENT TO PEACE WILL BE KNOWN AND WILL SERVE AS A POSITIVE FACTOR.

I. WE CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE DISCUSS THIS SITUATION WITH A PEACE-LOVING NATION LIKE COLOMBIA--ITSELF A MEMBER OF THE ANDEAN FAMILY--AND TO SHARE OUR SENSE OF CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE. COLOMBIA'S MORAL AUTHORITY IS GREAT, AND ITS VOICE IS HEARD WITH RESPECT IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

J. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, WELCOME ANY THOUGHTS OR
OBSERVATIONS COLOMBIA MAY HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT.

K. IF AND WHEN FUTURE CIRCUMSTANCES OR DEVELOPMENTS
MAY WARRANT, WE HOPE WE MAY CONSULT FURTHER WITH
COLOMBIA OR PERHAPS EVEN CONSIDER WITH IT WAYS IN

WHICH OUR TWO NATIONS MIGHT COOPERATE IN ASSURING
THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE. IN THIS SENSE, PRESENT
CONVERSATION IS A FOUNDATION UPON WHICH WE MAY OR
MAY NOT FIND OCCASION TO BUILD IN THE FUTURE.

3. DR. DAVILA ORTIZ LISTENED WITH INTEREST, TOOK
NOTES, AND PROMISED TO REPORT CONVERSATION TO
BOGOTA. HE READILY AGREED THAT U.S. AND COLOMBIA
SHOULD CONSULT ON THIS AND OTHER MATTERS AND SHOULD
BE ABLE TO COOPERATE TO MUTUAL ADVANTAGE ON THE
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